

January 2015 Monthly Resources:



Dear Common Core Implementation Team Member,

Happy New Year to you and your students!

As you continue guiding students toward skill mastery in Common Core-aligned lessons and preparing for the PARCC assessments, my team and I look forward to getting more of your ideas about enhancing the CCIT blasts. Contact us at njcore@doe.state.nj.us to share your thoughts on the following and other topics:

- What CCSS resources will be most helpful in February and March?
- What information will be most valuable as you facilitate greater understanding of PARCC assessments with parents and the community?

I wish you the best as you begin 2015 with new opportunities for teaching and learning!

Kimberley Harrington, Chief Academic Officer, Division of Academics



General Common Core Resources

- **NJ Educator Resource Exchange (NJCore) presents “Feature Educators”**

For 2015, the NJCore team reached out to some of NJ’s most accomplished teachers, creating a group of 21 “Feature Educators.” These professionals will upload lesson/unit plans, resources and other Common-Core aligned materials each week. Check out the featured content banner at NJCore to learn more about the program. Then join them to earn a badge on your own dashboard for contributing 5, 15, and 30 resources!

www.njcore.org

- **edWeb.net Professional Learning Communities on Common Core State Standards**

The edWeb.net site offers opportunities to join online professional learning communities for advice and support on implementing the Common Core State Standards and related topics. Participants can register for free to begin sharing resources, engaging in free monthly webinars, live chats, online discussions as well as collaborating with peers and experts across the nation.

<http://home.edweb.net/professional-learning-communities-with-free-webinars/>

- **Teaching Channel Blog: Common Core Mathematics and Differentiation**

This blog piece, including a demonstration video, describes how a math teacher and a special education inclusion teacher at Oklahoma's Tahlequah High School ensure all students are engaged in rigorous math instruction. In their Algebra Skills class, developed for regular and special education, students find the necessary supports to succeed.

<https://www.teachingchannel.org/blog/2014/12/12/common-core-math-nea/>

- **NJ Council for the Social Studies (NJCSS) "NJ 350" Common Core-aligned lessons**

In the October 2014 NJEA Review, Arlene Gardner, Director of the New Jersey Center for Civic Education (NJCCE) at Rutgers University, describes a partnership with the NJCSS, funded by a NJ Historical Commission grant, which resulted in the piloting and posting of many Common Core-aligned lessons celebrating NJ's 350th anniversary. Lessons are listed by grade levels and indicate NJ Core Curriculum Standards as well as Common Core ELA and Mathematics standards addressed.

<http://civiced.rutgers.edu/njlessons.html>

- **NJDOE December 2, 2014 Broadcast on Adoption of Standard 9**

This NJDOE Broadcast announced professional development and online resources available from the Office of Career and Technical Education to support implementation of Standard 9, 21st Century Life and Careers, adopted October 1st by the State Board of Education. Standard 9 includes 12 Career Ready Practices which complement the Common Core State Standards in ELA and Mathematics to prepare students for college and career success beyond high school.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/career/>

- **eSchool News on Transitioning to Online Common Core Assessments**

eSchool News is an online newsletter focused on technology news and innovation. In this article, an "e-learning expert" shares tips on effective and efficient ways to transition to the online assessments, including PARCC.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2014/12/17/common-core-assessments-832/>



- **PARCC online News and Events**

Stay in touch with PARCC online resources and events at their “News and Updates” webpage. A current article features NJ’s Madison Public School district administrators and how they are preparing for the transition from pencil-and-paper testing to online assessments.

<http://parconline.org/news>



Audio-Visual: Webinars, Radio, Videos and Apps

- ***New!* Common Core Explorer’s Review of Mathematics and ELA Apps**

Common Core Explorer allows users to peruse and download many free digital apps for Mathematics and ELA (with Science to be added soon) aligned to Common Core State Standards. Their educational experts examine products to determine which standards are best supported.

<https://www.graphite.org/standards/common-core>

- ***New!* Education Talk Radio Live and Archived Programs**

Education Talk Radio hosts live and archived discussions with educators, professional education associations and other “thought leaders” relevant to K-12 and higher education. The shows are free to access and provide news and views on education products, services and reform concepts, including Common Core State Standards. The link below lists offerings for January 2015.

<https://educationtalkradio.wordpress.com/>

- **ASCD Free Webinars:**

<http://www.ascd.org/professional-development/webinars.aspx>

- **Education Week Free Webinars:**

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/marketplace/webinars/webinars.html?intc=thed>



Further Reading

- **Hechinger Report on Common Core Mathematics and Authors' Views**

This article in the Hechinger Report details how three individuals took the helm at writing the Common Core Mathematics standards and continue to reflect on their work and responses by educators and the public. Challenges and lessons learned along the way prompted one of the authors to create two nonprofits to assist with aligning existing curriculum to the new standards: Illustrative Mathematics and Student Achievement Partners.

http://hechingerreport.org/content/behind-common-core-math-standards-will-survive_18566/

- **New England Journal of Public Policy article by Jason Zimba**

While similar to the Hechinger Report article on how the Common Core Mathematics standards evolved, this article is written by their primary author Jason Zimba. He presents his views as to "...what the standards are, what they are not, and how they were developed," including developments he's seen and what he hopes to see in the future.

<http://scholarworks.umb.edu/nejpp/vol26/iss1/10/>

- **Education Writers Association Glossary of Education Reform**

The Education Writers Association (EWA) collaborated with the Great Schools Partnership and Nellie Mae Education Foundation to develop a "public, online resource that defines and describes major terms, concepts and strategies in public-education reform." The glossary includes terms from the Common Core State Standards initiative.

<http://www.ewa.org/glossary-education-reform>

- **ZDNet Overview of Top 10 Education Technology Trends for 2015**

The ZDNet website provides readers with current information on technology, including this piece on the Top 10 Education Technology Trends for 2015. The author includes an "infographic" detailing the trends from the blog site known as "TalentLMS."

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/top-10-ed-tech-trends-to-watch-out-for-in-2015/>



NJDOE newsletters with more on CCSS and PARCC

- For Educators...
The Bridge at <http://education.state.nj.us/feature/>
- For Parents and Community Members...
Family and Community Circle at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/parents/newsletter/>



Professional Development Opportunities

- ***New!*** Find many free and online professional development events on Education Week's new online calendar.
http://www.edweek.org/apps/calendar/search_events.html
- Find free NJDOE professional development offerings at our Calendar of Events.
- <http://education.state.nj.us/events/>



Do you know someone who isn't receiving these?

Forward this to a colleague and encourage them to sign-up!
<http://education.state.nj.us/ccit/subscribe.php>



Missed any CCIT mailings?

Find previous mailings at:
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/team/ccit.pdf>



How else can we help you?

Send us an e-mail at njcore@doe.state.nj.us

NJCore.org
What's Trending?

New Features & Content on NJCORE.ORG (<http://njcore.org/>)

- Badge awards for resource contributions levels.
- Featured content area on homepage

	Month (December)	Since Launch
Number of Registered Educators	7	2,066
Number of Visitors	6,199	115,112
Top 5 Districts	Newark	Trenton
	Jersey City	Passaic
	Trenton	Bayonne
	Paterson	Newark
	Franklin Township	Jersey City